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A study of [REDACTED] aerial photography reveals the existence of several military camps in the vicinity of SWATOW, China.

These camps present an appearance of neatness, organization and permanence. It is notable that no motor vehicles, armor, artillery nor anti-aircraft weapons were observed near these camps. From their general appearance and from a comparison with earlier photography of two of these camps, it appears that all of these military camps probably were constructed within the past two years.

The major camps are indicated by numbered circles on the enclosed map (Enclosure 1). Minor barracks installations, consisting of 20 barracks or less, are indicated by smaller unnumbered circles. Details of the major complexes are as follows:

Barracks Complex No. 1 [REDACTED] This complex is observed for the first time on photo cover of [REDACTED]. 40 barracks are divided into eight groups. An unknown number of smaller support buildings should be present but can not be identified because of the small scale of photography (1 : 40,000).

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Barracks Complex No. 2 [REDACTED] This camp first observed on Photo

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Coverage of [REDACTED] was finally located on the small scale photos [REDACTED]

This complex is composed of two large groups of barracks and support buildings located about 1 mile apart. There are approximately 447 single story buildings of all types in the complete complex. About 200 of these buildings averaging 150' x 35' in size suitable for troop barracks. Photo Enclosure 1 to this report shows one of the two sub-complexes that form this site.

There are extensive training areas in conjunction with the various barracks groups. These contain such indicators of infantry type training as fox holes, entrenchments and obstacle courses.

There is a lack of artillery and armor.

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Barracks Complex No. 3 [REDACTED] This site consists of approximately 50 buildings of recent construction. Cloud cover prevents an accurate building count. The site has training areas adjacent that reflect infantry type training. (See Photo Enclosure 2).

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Barracks Complex No. 4 [REDACTED] This area is visible only on 1/50,000 scale photography. Despite this scale handicap, there are over 150 major buildings identifiable on the photography. Probably others are not shown by reason of a lack of photo coverage. This appears to be a large scale, new and integrated unarmament training area.

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Barracks Complex No. 5 [REDACTED] Consists of approximately 125

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barracks-type buildings ranging in size from 40' by 180' to 20' x 100'. Those are all single story structures. There are, in addition, over 100 support buildings of various sizes and types. This area was completed after [REDACTED] (See Photo Enclosure 3).

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Barracks Complex No. 6 [REDACTED]. Consists of about 100 barracks-type buildings with approximately 50 smaller buildings. There are adjacent training areas that reflect infantry training. Completed about mid-

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Barracks Complex No. 7 [REDACTED]. This complex consists of 54 buildings as shown on Photo Enclosure 4 to this report. There may be 10 additional buildings obscured by cloud cover. The training area shows infantry intrenchments as well as possible mortar and machine gun type emplacements. The camp is probably less than two years old.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series L500. Sheet WF50-2 dated April 1955.

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